

Remarks

Claims 11-18 were pending at the issuance of the instant Office Action. Claims 8-11 were allowed and claims 12-18 were rejected. Claims 12-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the rejections set forth in the Office Action are rendered moot.

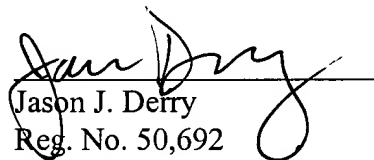
Applicants respectfully contend that all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims as amended. Allowance of the claims is thereby respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001 if it is believed to be helpful.

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